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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 17, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: